

Ortho Biotech, with the knowledge of FDA, notified pharmacists, health care providers, and wholesalers/distributors of counterfeit PROCRIT (epoetin alfa). Vials of PROCRIT labeled as 40,000 U/mL in four-pack boxes, lot number P002641 expiration date: 9/03 have been found to contain active ingredient that is approximately 20 times lower than would be expected for PROCRIT in 40,000/mL vials. Pharmacists and health care providers should check the product lot number and carefully examine all vials of PROCRIT before use. A description of the differences between the actual product and the counterfeit can be read at:

<http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/SAFETY/2002/safety02.htm#procrit>